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If he fled: *Fatetur facinus, qui judicium fugit.* Co. II. 60.

If he hides himself or takes Sanctuary.

If he ~~has~~ ^{is} lurking in a place where he had nothing to do.

If he were the first that found the party murdered.

Place; ~~is~~ ^{is} convenient for such an Act as in a House, in a Wood, Dale, &c. Time; the year, day, hour, early or late.

4. The Fact; Where the Offender was at the time of the Fact, and where the day, or night before; his business and company there: and Witness to prove all these.

Manner; if willingly, by chance, or necessity.

If former malice.

5. The Causes; If to his Benefit, or what hope of gain.

If for the eschewing of any harm, or danger.

6. The Agens; if Principal, or Accessory, Infamy, Infratric, &c. Person. *Principis;* if against the King, Commonwealth, Magistrate, Master, &c.

Note. That a man accusing another, but upon suspicion is not to be proved, though the party accused be proved to be innocent. Numb. 5. 28, 31.

A Felon brought before a Justice of Peace accuseth others; it is sufficient cause for this Justice to grant out his Warrant for the rest. See postea.

A man going to Execution accuseth another of Felony; it is sufficient cause to arrest him.

§. 2. *Communis pax & fama*, that he did the Offence, is sufficient cause of suspicion, sc. where such a Felony is done, otherwise not.

But yet for the better conceiving what may breed or give just cause of suspicion, mark some of Mr. Bratton's Rules.

Oritur suspicio ex fama: Fama vero que sufficiens iudicet, oriiri debet Stans. 91 apud bonas & graves, (non quidem malevolas & maledicas sed providas & fide dignas) personas, idque non semel, sed sapienter. Vnde autem voces populi non sunt audienda.

And therefore where the common Proverb is, *Vox populi est vox Dei,* it should be, *Vox Dei est vox Dei.*

Si furus in manu aliquius inventatur, vel sub potestate alicujus, tunc ille in cuius domo vel potestate res furtiva inventa fuerit, tenebitur, (nisi warrantum impetraverit quod eum inde defendere possit:) for, as another faith, *Cum adsunt testimonia rarum, quid opus est verbis?*

Si quis noctu cubauerit in domum salutem cum aliquo qui interfecitus sit, vel si duo aut plures ibi fuere, & hostes non levare, nec plagam a latronibus vel interfectoribus in defensione facienda accepere, nec offendunt quis de se vel de alio hominem interficerat, his casibus mortem dedicare non possunt.

Si quis in domum suam notum vel ignotum acceperit, qui quis ingredi visus ibid. est, vero postea nunquam nisi mortuus, dominus dominus, si tunc domini sit, vel alij de